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The Palace,
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(Your Highness,)

I have taken the liberty of writing to Your Highness on a subject that closely concerns the future happiness of my brother's son Jaya. He will soon be completing his nineteenth year and finishing his course of studies in the Mysore University by sitting for the B.A.Degree examination in March next. I have been anxious that he should marry and conservative in my views as I have been, I feel that he should marry a good girl of a good Rajput Family. Jaya has seen a few girls, one of whom is the unmarried sister of His Highness the Maharaja Arimardansingh of Charkhari, who was adopted from the Jigni family.

The girl's mother is the Rani of Jigni. I learn that one of her daughters has married the brother of the Maharaja of Jaipur and another the late Maharaja of Chhatarpur. It is the younger daughter - perhaps the third - aged about fifteen years that we are thinking of for Jaya. Jaya likes the girl and has expressed his willingness to marry her. Before giving my consent to the marriage, I thought I should seek Your Highness's advice. Not knowing the history of the Charkhari and Jigni families except what may be gathered from the books on Indian States, I have ventured to write to Your Highness, the valued friend and sincere well wisher of myself and my family, to favour me with your frank opinion on the proposed alliance. Are they pure Rajputs and are the two families mentioned above held in high esteem in Rajputana? I find it somewhat difficult, nay delicate, to enquire if the girl is healthy; I am only asking for such information as may be possible for Your Highness to give me on this point. You can of

course realise my anxiety about the health of the girl whom Jaya will marry.

I need not say how very grateful I shall be for your brotherly counsel in this all important matter. If it so happens that Your Highness does not intimately know the families may I even then trouble Your Highness to make enquiries for me and thus help me to come to an early decision? I may assure Your Highness that whatever you may write to me on this subject will be treated as absolutely secret.

Hoping Your Highness is in the best of health and with kindest regards,

(Ever Yours

Very sincerely,)

To

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